

ARTEMIN, A NOVEL NEUROTROPHIC FACTORAbstract of the Disclosure:

A novel growth factor, artemin, which belongs to the GDNF/neurturin/persephin family of growth factors, is disclosed. The human and mouse amino sequences have been identified. Human and mouse artemin genomic  
5 DNA sequences have been cloned and sequenced and the respective cDNA sequences identified. In addition, methods for treating degenerative conditions using artemin, methods for detecting artemin gene alterations and methods for detecting and monitoring patient levels of artemin are provided.

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